



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
Balmer et al.) Examiner: Lam, Cathy Fong Fong
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Sir:

Applicants hereby **appeal** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner, dated March 2, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1 to 8 and 19 to 30.

A timely response to the final rejection is being filed concurrently herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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